

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 to 4, and add new claims 5 to 11, as shown below in marked-up form. In accordance with the revised amendment format now permitted, a clean version of the amended claims has been omitted.

1. (Currently Amended) A pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus comprising:

a photo button having a first press position and a full-press position, said first press position being less than said full-press position;

a flashing apparatus which is supported so as to be movable between a pop-up position and a housing position[.];

a spring means which urges said flashing apparatus to said [housing] pop-up position[.];

a working member having an engaging means which holds said flashing apparatus in said housing position[, and];

photometric means responsive to said first press position of said photo button to examine whether or not an amount of light admitted to a subject is larger than a set value so that, when larger, a picture is temporarily acquired while said flashing apparatus remains in said housing position; and

a plunger, responsive to said photo button and said photometric means, which is linked to said working member and of which a magnetic attracting force is inactivated when energized, wherein in a condition that said flashing apparatus is housed, said working member is attracted by a magnetic force generated in said plunger resisting a spring force of said spring means, said flashing apparatus is held in said housing position by said engaging means, said engaging means is moved backward by a spring force of said spring means by energizing said plunger to inactivate the magnetic attracting force, and said flashing apparatus is sprung up to said pop-up position when the amount of light admitted to the subject is judged to be smaller than the set value to energize said plunger.

2. (Currently Amended) [A] The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said working member is rotated interlocking with an action in which said flashing apparatus is sprung up to [a] said pop-up position, and said engaging means is returned to [a] said holding position of said flashing apparatus by [a] said magnetic attracting force generated in said plunger.

3. (Currently Amended) [A] The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

[said engaging means comprises a wire member supported so as to be spring-urged to the side of said flashing apparatus and a hooking member engaged with this wire member by a friction force, and an angle of a slope of said hooking member is designed to be larger than an angle of friction between said hooking member and said wire member] when said flashing apparatus is in said pop-up position, means responsive to a spring-up detection switch for initiating a charging of said flashing apparatus, and for judging when said charging is finished, controlling flashing by a trigger pulse signal in synchronization with the completion of said charging, and performing an action whereby a picture is temporarily acquired.

4. (Currently Amended) A camera apparatus comprising:

a photo button capable of operation while semi-pressing or fully-pressing the photo button,

a photometric means responsive to pressing of said photo button to detect a brightness of a subject by a semi-pressing operation of said photo button, and

a flashing apparatus responsive to said photometric means, which is sprung up to a pop-up position when the amount of light admitted to the subject detected by said photometric means is equal to or less than a set value.

5. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first press position is a semi-press position.

6. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said temporarily acquired picture is recorded onto a magnetic tape by pressing said photo button to said full-press position.

7. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said temporarily acquired picture is recorded onto a magnetic tape by pressing said photo button to said full-press position.

8. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said detection switch is responsive to an angle of elevation of said flashing apparatus.

9. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 1, further including means for recording a picture on a memory card, wherein a charging of said flashing apparatus is responsive to a set memory mode.

10. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein:

when said photometric means determines the amount of light admitted to the subject is larger than the set value, said photo button is pressed to said full-press position such that a picture is recorded on said memory card while said flashing apparatus remains in said housing position.

11. (Newly Added) The pop-up mechanism for a flashing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein:

when said flashing apparatus is in said pop-up position, means responsive to a spring-up detection switch for judging when said photo button has been pressed to said full-press position, and for judging when said charging of said flashing apparatus is finished, controlling flashing by a trigger pulse signal in synchronization with a pressing of said photo button to said full-press position, and performing an action whereby a picture is acquired and then recorded on said memory card.